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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 17, 2003

In response to the Office Action dated September 17, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 17, 2003, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/AMAT/5027/KMT a fee of \$86 and any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

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